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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Inventor's Declaration** begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Terminal Disclaimer** begins on page 12 of this paper.

**Petition For Extension of Time** begins on page 14 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.